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PATENT APPLICATION  
Atty. Docket No. 702/991620

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

AALBERTUS PIETER KROESBERGEN : SUBSTRATE WITH  
Serial No. Not Yet Assigned : SUPER-ABSORBENT MATERIAL,  
Filed Concurrently Herewith : METHOD FOR MANUFACTURE  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
December 6, 1999

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title and before line 1, insert the following:

*con. of 08/442,417 filed May 16, 1995*

*- This is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial*

*A1 No. 08/875,237, filed September 9, 1997, now US Pat 5,998,312 which is a 371 of Pat/NC96/00039 filed Jan 23, 1996*

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION1. Field of the Invention

Page 1, before line 6, insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Related Art

Page 2, before line 8, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, before line 22, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 shows a schematic diagram of preparatory steps

*A3* for manufacturing a super-absorbent powder according to prior art; and

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Attorney Docket No. 702/991620

First Inventor or Application Identifier A. Pieter Kroesbergen

Title Substrate with Super-Absorbent Material...

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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  \* Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Specification [Total Pages 15]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
 - Descriptive Title of the Invention  
 - Cross References to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to Microfiche/Appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

3.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 1]

4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages ]  
 a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  
 b.  Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisions with Box 16 completed)  
 i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
 Signed statement attached deleting  
 inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
 see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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5.  Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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 c.  Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))  
 8.  37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
(when there is an assignee)  Attorney  
 9.  English Translation Document (if applicable)  
 10.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS  
Citations  
 11.  Preliminary Amendment  
 12.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)  
 \* Small Entity  
 13.  Statement(s)  Statement filed in prior application.  
(PTO/SB/09-12)  
 14.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)  
 15.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:  
 Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 08,875,237  
 Prior application information: Examiner B: Copenheaver Group / Art Unit: 1771

For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

## 17. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aalbertus Pieter KROESBERGEN

Entitled: "Substrate with Super-Absorbent Material, Method for Manufacture Thereof and Use"

Enclosed are: X one drawing sheet  
\_\_\_\_\_  
X Declaration (copy)  
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An Assignment of the invention to: \_\_\_\_\_  
Small Entity Statement under 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.9 and 1.27

CLAIMS AS FILED

<u>No. Filed</u>	<u>No. Extra</u>	<u>Small Entity Rate</u>	<u>Non-Small Entity Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
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ENTITLED

"Substrate with Super-Absorbent Material, Method for  
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Application No. : 09/455,574

In Re Application of : Aalbertus Pieter KROESBERGEN

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Title : **SUBSTRATE WITH SUPER-ABSORBENT MATERIAL, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF AND USE**

Group Art Unit : 1725

Examiner : Jonathan J. Johnson

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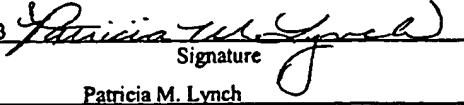
**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 29, 2003, Applicant hereby submits an accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, Declarations Under 37 CFR §1.132, and the following remarks.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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The continuing data information is incorrect and should read as follows:

--CONTINUING DATA AS CLAIMED BY APPLICANT -

THIS APPLN IS A 371 OF PCT/NL96/00039 01/23/96

AND A CON OF 08/442,417 05/16/95 ABN

WHICH IS A DIV OF 08/875,237 09/09/97 PAT 5,998,312--

The second listed foreign application number is incorrect and should read as follows:

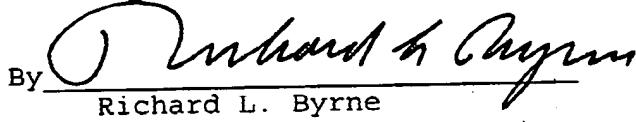
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